

# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**William Francis Galvin**

Secretary of the Commonwealth

One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108-1512

## **ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

**(General Laws, Chapter 180)**

### **ARTICLE I**

The exact name of the corporation is:

**FRIENDS OF PONTOOSUC LAKE/WATERSHED, INC.**

### **ARTICLE II**

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in the following activities:

**The purpose of the Corporation is to maintain and improve the quality of Pontoosuc Lake, a Class B water body of approximately 493 acres lying within the town of Lanesborough and City of Pittsfield in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. This purpose is to be achieved by: 1) Providing advice to all public agencies which are directly or indirectly responsible for the management of Pontoosuc Lake and its watershed, 2) Coordinating and integrating all activities which impact the lake, 3) Organizing volunteer actions which will directly improve the lake and 4) Raising public and private funds to assist in the foregoing activities.**

*Note: If the space provided under any article or item on this form is insufficient, additions shall be set forth on one side only of separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper with a left margin of at least 1 inch. Additions to more than one article may be made on a single sheet so long as each article requiring each addition is clearly indicated.*

### ARTICLE III

A corporation may have one or more classes of members. If it does, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointments, the duration of membership and the qualification and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, may be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation or may be set forth below.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this Association shall be open to any individual interested in the preservation of Pontoosuc Lake and its watershed. Annual membership dues will be set initially at five dollars for an individual and ten dollars for a family and may be changed thereafter as provided in the by-laws of the corporation. Individuals will be entitled to one vote and each family will be entitled to 2 votes at each annual or other meeting of the corporation.

### ARTICLE IV

\*\*Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulation the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:** The Board shall be responsible for conducting necessary business of the Corporation between meetings of the full membership of the Corporation. The Board shall be comprised of the officers of the Corporation, i.e. its President, Vice President, Clerk, and Treasurer and three to eight-at-large members. The President, Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, and at-large members shall be elected by the full membership of the Corporation at the annual meeting. The number of at-large members for the succeeding year shall be determined at the annual membership meeting.

#### **MEETINGS:**

**ANNUAL MEETING:** An annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held each year. Additional meetings shall be held as determined by the President.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Board Meetings shall be held on an as-needed basis as determined by the President but no less frequently than once per quarter.

**VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION:** In the event of voluntary dissolution of the Corporation by a majority vote of the membership, any and all funds and securities held by the Treasurer, after payment of all of the Corporation's just debts and obligations, shall be paid in full to one or more other corporation or associations which have qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### ARTICLE V

The by-laws of the corporation have been duly adopted and the initial directors, president, treasurer and clerk or other presiding, financial or recording officers, whose names are set out on the following page, have been duly elected.

*\*\* If there are no provisions, state "none".*

*Note: The preceding four (4) articles are considered to be permanent and may only be changed by filing appropriate Articles of Amendment.*

OFFICE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
President	Hauge	Lee	Rt. 44, 4 Katherine St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Vice President	Murphy	Michele	6 Wren St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Clerk	Zaks	Gordon	17 Narragansett Ave.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Treasurer	Tinkham	Ronald	Rt. 44, 59 Sunrise St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Brown	Beverly	25 Narragansett Ave.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Miraglia	Daniel	68 Ontario St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Passardi	Michael	Rt. 44, 8 Sunrise St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Siegel	Carole G.	114 Ridge Ave.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Coe	Timothy	11 Lark St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Sibner	Carolyn	98 Oliver St.	Pittsfield	MA	01201
Director	Jette	Melissa	33 Dunahm Mall	Pittsfield	MA	01201

## ARTICLE VI

The effective date of organization of the corporation shall be the date approved and filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. If a *later* effective date is desired, specify such date, which shall not be more than *thirty days* after the date of filing.

## ARTICLE VII

**The information contained in Article VII is not a permanent part of the Articles of Organization.**

- a. The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the principal office of the corporation *in Massachusetts* is:

**c/o Lee Hauge, Rt 44, 4 Katherine St., Pittsfield, MA. 01201**

- b. The name, residential address and post office address of each director and officer of the corporation is as follows:

	NAME	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
President:			
Treasurer:			
Clerk:		( See Page after Article VII )	
Directors:			
(or officers			
having the			
powers of			
<i>directors</i> )			

- c. The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on the last day of the month of: **December**.

- d. The name and business address of the resident agent, if any, of the corporation is:

**c/o Lee Hauge, Rt 44, 4 Katherine St., Pittsfield, MA. 01201**

I/We, the below signed incorporator(s), do hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I/we have not been convicted of any crimes relating to alcohol or gaming within the past ten years. I/We do hereby further certify that to the best of my/our knowledge the above-named officers have not been similarly convicted. If so convicted, explain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF AND UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I/We, whose signature(s) appear below as incorporator(s) and whose name(s) and business or residential address(es) *are clearly typed or printed* beneath each signature, do hereby associate with the intention of forming this corporation under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 180 and do hereby sign these Articles of Organization as incorporator(s) this fifth day of February, 2003.

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Lee Hauge, Rt. 44, 4 Katherine St., Pittsfield, MA. 01201

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Michele Murphy, 6 Wren St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

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Carolyn Sibner, 98 Oliver St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

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Ronald Tinkham, Rt. 44, 59 Sunrise St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

*Note: If an existing corporation is acting as incorporator, type in the exact name of the corporation, the state or other jurisdiction where it was incorporated, the name of the person signing on behalf of said corporation and the title he/she holds or other authority by which such action is taken.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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I hereby certify that, upon examination of these Articles of Organization,  
Duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws  
relative to the organization of corporations have been compiled with, and  
I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee in the amount of **\$35.00**  
having been paid, said articles are deemed to have been filed with me this  
**7<sup>th</sup>** day of **February, 2003.**

Effective date: -----

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN**  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

**TO BE FILLED IN BY CORPORATION**

**Contact information:**

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